

February 24, 1984

LB 991

CLERK: 991, was offered by the Ag and Environment Committee. (Read title.) It was read on January 12, referred to Ag and Environment for hearing, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Peterson, Richard Peterson.

SENATOR R. PETERSON: Mr. President, members, I hope I can explain this so I don't get egg on my face, so...the amendment simply strikes the word "sold" on lines 17 and 18 on page 5. The present law requires a checkoff be made on all commercial eggs produced in Nebraska and sold through commercial channels. Unless the words "and sold" are deleted, the fee would apply only to commercial eggs produced and sold in Nebraska. If the checkoff is limited to eggs produced and sold in Nebraska, potential income would be substantially reduced. A large volume of eggs produced in Nebraska are sold by producers outside the state. I ask for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Peterson on the bill.

SENATOR R. PETERSON: All this bill does is just require that all firms who provide eggs for sale through retail and food purveyors pay the checkoff fee needed to support the educational program conducted for consumers and food service personnel. And eggs now produced in Nebraska pay for this type of educational promotion and this would allow for a fee to be charged to those coming in from outside the state. I ask for the adoption, I move 991.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the advancement of LB 991. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record,